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INSIDERS BELIEVE WILSON WILL SIGN AB 101.

Most CALPEEK sources, including those who oppose AB 101, the so-called GAY Bill of Rights which bans job bias against homosexuals and lesbians, think Gov. Pete Wilson WILL SIGN this legislation into law. But these sources say he will WAIT until the very last minute to sign AB 101...

...By waiting until Oct. 13, the last day to sign or veto legislation, Wilson puts the HARDLINE conservative opposition at a SEVERE disadvantage if it hopes to qualify a referendum for the June 1992 ballot. The hardliners, led by the Orange Co.-based Traditional Values Coalition(TVC), have said all along that if Gov. Wilson signs such a bill, they will attempt to repeal it via the referendum process...

...Technically, such a referendum must be certified for the June 1992 ballot by Jan. 25, 1992. That's 125 days before the June 2nd election. TVC sources say they have their referendum all set to go to the AG's office for Title & Summary. If TVC hopes to qualify for June, it will need to turn in 600,000 to 700,000 valid signatures by about Dec. 16-20 in order to give county registrars enough time to verify the names. No matter how you slice it, 60 days isn't much time. 384,973 valid signatures are required for qualifications...

...Sources in CA's politically active gay community are watching the anti-101 forces closely. Some believe the referendum WILL qualify, but NOT in June. The main concern about such a measure on the June 1992 ballot is that it might tend to act as a lightning rod, attracting large numbers of hardline conservatives, who already dislike Wilson and his U.S. Senate appointee, John Seymour(R). Seymour is the REAL WORRY. If Wilson signs AB 101, he will give Seymour's chief primary rival, U.S. Rep. Bill Danner-

meyer, a ready-made bashing tool...

...FYI: If Wilson should VETO AB 101, gay sources tell CALPEEK there is no question "outing" will take place. As one source said, "It's not a threat, it's a promise." Stay tuned...

CDP CHAIR ANGELIDES UNVEILS 1992 DEMOCRATIC OUTLINE FOR BEATING PRESIDENT BUSH & GOP...

Editor's note: While the news media was focusing attention on the Demo Presidential beauty contest at the Sept. 20-22 Demo National Committee(DNC) meeting in L.A., CA Demo Party Chair Phil Angelides unveiled a rather ambitious plan for 1992 which he hopes will lead the Demos to victory in Calif. Here is CALPEEK's report...

...Right from the start Phil Angelides says "that everyone recognizes that we (Demos) cannot win the White House without Calif.'s 54 electoral votes." Having said that, Angelides is VERY MUCH convinced Calif. is a WINNABLE State for the Demos, despite the track record of wins by the GOP. We won't go deeply into the reasons, but the CDP chair points to a rocky Calif. economy, a troubled educational system, skyrocketing crime, high health care costs --- and a CA Republican Party in a state of CIVIL WAR...

...But putting the Demos over the top won't be easy or cheap. To make it work, Angelides, with DNC Chair Ron Brown's blessing, is setting up a United Demo Campaign Task Force, with a \$7-8 million budget...

...The first meeting took place at the DNC meeting with such Demo heavyweights in attendance as House Speaker Tom Foley; U.S. Senate Leader George Mitchell; DCCC Chair Vic Fazio; Assembly Speaker Willie Brown;

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State Sen. Pres. David Roberti; new DNC Treasurer, U.S. Rep. Bob Matsui; Ron Brown and about 40 top Demo contributors, plus labor leaders and most of the Demo presidential types who were in L.A. for the party gathering. An impressive group to say the least and it shows that Demos aren't sitting around until the last minute...

...For those with short memories, the 1990 united campaign under former CDP chairman Jerry Brown was a total disaster. It did NOT get off the ground until around Labor Day and had only \$2 million for slates, GOTV, mailers and other activities; hardly enough to match the massive and well organized CA Republican Party united effort...

...To insure a sound united Demo effort in 1992, Angelides says he's already had preliminary discussions with such Demos as Dianne Feinstein, Demo Controller Gray Davis and U.S. Rep. Mel Levine. And the CDP chair has named his current CDP political director, Bob Mulholland, to honcho this united campaign. Another new addition: the DCCC has set up its first regional field office in Calif., with senior political operative Marty Stone in charge. He's located at the CDP's Sacto HQ...

...Let's talk MONEY. It's not going to be easy for Angelides and the Demos to raise \$7-8 million, especially under new Federal Election Commission guidelines that went into effect last year. As of now, the CDP is locked into a 67% hard money vs. 33% soft money formula for raising funds. Hard money means no contributions of more than \$5,000 from a single person or PAC and NO labor or corporate money. There are few restrictions on soft money. Demo attorney Lance Olson tells CALPEEK that the FEC voted 6-0 last week to have the staff change the rule so that in CA the split will be 50/50. That should lessen the burden some, but it will still be tough going...

...FYI: The big CDP 1992 convention will be in L.A., tentatively set to run from April 10-12 at the Bonaventure Hotel. One event which Angelides is trying to KILL OFF is a pre-primary endorsement battle for the two U.S. Senate seats. Angelides says such battles are expensive and self-destructive. Stay tuned...

SALES TAXES HURT GOV. WILSON'S JOB RATING. CALPEEK now has seen figures from two different polls and both suggest that Gov. Pete Wilson's job performance rating is in the DUMPS because of the enactment of a new State budget with higher SALES TAXES, which in many cases hit items NOT taxed before...

...In one poll CALPEEK has seen, only 39% of those questioned approve of a new sales tax on snack food (SNAX TAX), while 59% are opposed. In this same poll, the new sales tax on newspapers, magazines and CALPEEK is opposed by 67%, while 31% approve. This means that Joe & Jill Sixpack regard printed news as a basic necessity...

...As for Wilson's standing with voters, 2% rate his job performance as excellent, 16% as good, 35% as fair and 41% as poor. 6% had no opinion. This particular poll, as well as the tax questions, were taken between Sept. 6-7, sample size 600. The poll was conducted by J. Moore Methods of Sacramento. A poll taken earlier, and reported in the Sacto Union, showed Wilson's job rating at about 29% approve and 43% disapprove. So these polls are not far apart...

...How do these numbers COMPARE to other governors in similar circumstances? Thanks to an old issue of The Polling Report, we dug out the 1990 numbers on New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio's job performance rating, right after Florio(D) signed legislation hiking the State's sale tax from 6% to 7% and extending it to previously exempt items. The sample size was 800 statewide and the poll was conducted in July 1990. About 23% rated Florio as excellent or good; 68% rated him as only fair/poor; and 8% don't know. Wilson's numbers are similar if you combine the various categories. Stay tuned...

WATER METER BILL SIGNED INTO LAW BY WILSON. SB 229 by Sen. Dan Boatwright(D-Concord) has been signed into law by Gov. Pete Wilson. The bill requires water meters to be installed on all new residential and commercial properties on or after Jan. 1st of next year. Installation will cost less than \$100. While virtually all So. Calif. cities requires meters, up until now they have NOT been required in many parts of No. Calif. or the Central Valley...

SAN DIEGO CITY ELECTION: ANALYSIS & UPDATE.

Editor's note; San Diego City voters went to the polls last week and returned two incumbents, but bounced another and forced a solid favorite into a runoff. Here is CALPEEK's analysis and update...

...If there was a way to best describe the results from the Sept. 17th city council elections, it would be that INCUMBENTS got bashed and mashed. That was the case in 3 of the 4 races. Only incumbent Bob Filner performed as expected, getting 70.4% in his new and heavily Latino district. Hate to say it again and again, but Hispanics don't vote -- at least not as a bloc, otherwise Andrea Skorepa would have done better than just 26%...

...Incumbent Councilman Ron Roberts was a winner too, but his 57% showing must have been a disappointment to this individual who hopes to replace Maureen O'Conner as San Diego's mayor in 1992. By all accounts Roberts' campaign was well run and organized. The problem wasn't so much activist Rich Grosch, who got 33.47%, but rather a perennial candidate named Loch David Crane, who got almost 10%. Roberts' campaign manager, John Whitehurst (and others too) said Crane's vote was clearly an anti-incumbent backlash, perhaps aimed at city government in general and not just at Roberts...

...While Roberts got off easy, not so with freshman Wes Pratt, who was defeated by arch-rival George Stevens, Pratt's challenger from 1987. Stevens got 52.09%, but was outspent 5-to-1. Stevens got considerable help from slow-growther Peter Navarro, who like Roberts, has his eye on the mayor's job next year...

...LUCKY is the best way to describe incumbent Councilman Bruce Henderson, who was forced into a runoff with activist Valerie Stallings. Stallings got 9,601 votes to Henderson's 9,479. Had it not been for write-in candidate Ron Stillwell and his 146 votes, there might not have been a runoff. Most sources say Henderson didn't take Stallings seriously. And she had little money so few insiders gave her much chance of beating Henderson. In addition, Henderson walked few precincts and his mail was just so-so, according to various CALPEEK sources...

....In this runoff it's a sure thing that Stallings will be better funded, perhaps with a serious \$100,000. But Henderson has had his wake up call and he'll be better prepared. Yes, Jim Sills will still be in charge, despite some calls for his outster. Whether the confrontational Henderson survives is up in the air for now, but activists believe they smell blood. On the other hand, there's an old saying that a wounded water buffalo is one of the most dangerous animals on earth. Stay tuned...

1992 U.S. SENATE RACES: SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here's an update on some recent developments about the two U.S. Senate contests here in Calif...

- New U.S. Senate entry "Rumor of the Week" last week was about former First Daughter Maureen Reagan. This week it's GOP Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono. We'll know more by next week when Bono finally makes up his mind AGAIN. If he should run, it will be for the Cranston seat and because of his more moderate views on social issues, he might tend to hurt Tom Campbell more than Bruce Herschensohn...

- U.S. Sen. John Seymour's GOP campaign has picked up the endorsement of former CA Gov. George Deukmejian. The Duke has also endorsed Herschensohn...

...While the Deukmejian endorsement was certainly good news for Seymour, the fact that he was only able to raise about \$700,000 from his big dinner with Pres. George Bush on Sept. 19 was NOT good news. At recent presidential events with both Ronald Reagan and Bush, various Calif. candidates have usually sold \$1 million or more in dinner tickets. Why was it a slow night for Seymour? Although the Bush White House would NOT admit it, maybe the slow Calif. ECONOMY had an impact. If you don't buy that reason, then the only other explanation is that Sen. Seymour just isn't all that popular among the fat cats of the CA GOP...

- U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer is holding an open house at her L.A. campaign HQ on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. HQ is at 7060 Hollywood Blvd., Ste. 514, L.A. 90028. New phone number (213)465-0299...

KEARNS SET TO KEYNOTE L.A. EDUCATION FORUM.

U.S. Dep. Sec. of Education David Kearns will keynote the Oct. 11 CA Public Affairs Forum called, "Education Reform: America's New Frontier." This half-day seminar will be held at the Biltmore Hotel in L.A. For info and RSVPs, call (213)857-5802...

REMAPPING WARS: LAWMAKERS FAIL TO OVERRIDE WILSON VETO; SITUATION VERY SIMILAR TO 1971

Deja Vu 1971. Isn't it incredible how history repeats itself. Twenty years ago, then Gov. Ronald Reagan vetoed the remapping plans submitted by a Demo-controlled State Legislature and there was no way to resolve the dispute. So the Calif. Supreme Court appointed 3 masters (retired appeal court judges) and they ended up drawing the new lines for Congress, the State Senate and State Assembly...

...On Sept. 25, 1991, the State high court accepted jurisdiction of this remapping war and said if Gov. Pete Wilson(R) and the CA Legislature don't reach agreement by Nov. 29th, the court will draw the new lines...

...Back in 1970, the only reapportionment plans that were around were those drafted by the Legislature. TODAY there are at least 15 or more plans that the high court could use as a basis for drawing new district lines. There are 3 plans from the Legislature; the plan drafted by Gov. Wilson's Commission; a plan drafted by MALDEF (Mexican Amer. Legal Defense Fund); and perhaps as many as 10 different computer plans drafted by Drs. Alan Heslop and Leroy Hardy, working out of The Rose Institute in Claremont...

...As CALPEEK went to press this week, Gov. Wilson asked Demo leaders Willie Brown and David Roberti to give it another try, but sources say both Demos are reluctant to do that because Wilson won't even make public his own commission's remapping plan. Why won't he release his plan? Some think it might be because the plan may favor DEMOS and in several cases may force incumbent GOP congressmen and legislators to run against each other in the June primary...

...In another development, Assembly Speaker Brown has fired the entire GOP Assembly remapping staff and has taken away their

equipment. Reason: Brown says they failed to produce any new plans for 1992. And Brown is also demanding an accounting of the \$800,000 given to the GOP team. This isn't Deja Vu --- this is WAR...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- CA Republicans for Choice have named Anita Fromholz as the group's new So. CA coordinator. New mailing address: P.O. Box 50525, Pasadena, CA 91115; (818)568-1678...
- Michael W. Pohndorff has relocated his Pohndorff & Associates to 10153 1/2 Riverside Drive, Toluca Lake, CA 91602. (818) 766-8081. The former aide to L.A. Co. Sup. Deane Dana specializes in pa/govt. consulting to health related firms doing business with government...
- Skelton, Grover & Assoc. have moved again. New address is 6305 Yucca Street, Ste. 304, L.A. 90028. Same phone and FAX number...
- Former San Diego PD chief Bill Kolen-der has been named director of the Calif. Youth Authority(CYA)...
- PUC Comm. Mitch Wilk will retire from the commission Oct. 4. He wants to pursue other career opportunities...
- L.A. Daily News Capitol bureau reporter Jim Sweeney has resigned. He'll be moving to the Santa Rosa Press Democrat...
- Assemblyman Richard Katz(D-Sepulveda) gets his name on a new science-planatarium building at Cal State Northridge...

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